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Mr. R. van der Woude *card*

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Dear Mr. van der Woude:

Your letter of 29 April, recalls
our very pleasant association in the past. I
read it with interest and always respect your
judgment. I hope that we can meet again in the
near future.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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(EXECUTIVE)

R. VAN DER WOUDE

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29 April 1958

Dear Dulles:

It is a long time since we last met; pleasant past memories were revived by my reading your yesterday's most interesting speech before the United States Chamber of Commerce.

It brings out very clearly the necessity of meeting Russia's economic policies much more realistically and forcefully than is the case at the moment.

I have particularly in mind the U.S.A. policy with regard to China which at present is achieving nothing else than strongly playing into the hands of Russia, and closing a market of a country of which the population is about one-fourth of that of the whole of the world.

The present policy of this country can, I think, best be summed up by a statement made by your brother some time last October in connection with Sputnik to the effect that the U.S.A. would "catch up" with Russia in the near future.

That it seems to me is happening all the time: Russia is playing the tune and as a result of this country's present policies, the U.S.A. is trying to "catch up" all the time.

There is no question of doubt about the fact that Russia's policies have been and are only too successful, and vice versa, most regrettably, the same cannot be said about the U.S.A. policies.

Why, therefore, should not we take a leaf out of Russia's book, and try and break up their alliances and connections with other countries ?

China cannot have any real feelings of friendship with Russia; the Chinese are intelligent and must know that Russia is a menace to them, as it always has been, no matter what government China had. At the same time they must know that the U.S.A. has never threatened them; in fact that in the past the U.S.A. was the only country which never took advantage of their weakness.

But China's policy has always been (out-of-necessity) to play one country against another, this being the only protection they had and have against their weakness.

It is only natural that on account of this country's attitude, they stay with Russia.

If China can be wheedled away from Russia, a blow would be delivered to them, far greater than the blows they try to deliver in the Near East and elsewhere.

I fully realize that politically the problem is difficult, especially in view of the public having been badly informed, but for the sake of the U.S.A.'s future, it should be possible to push party politics into the background, and face the "facts of life".

Some time ago I read "The Inside Story" by Robert J. Donovan and was particularly interested in Chapter 9 on page 130, headed: "Eisenhower and Red China" which showed that the President holds views identical with those expressed above, and expressed by him more fully.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'RvdW', followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

R. van der Woude

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